of Rs. 5,000/- at an interest rate of 10 per cent per annum. A capital subsidy at the rate of 25 per cent of the amount of assistance is provided by the Central Government. No collateral security or third party guarantee is needed.

(iv) One beneficiary for every 300 population (1981 census) is to be assisted at each urban centre.

(b) to (d) Both these schemes are being implemented in all the States/ Union Territories including the State of Uttar Pradesh and Punjab. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the data reporting system from banks does not generate the information in the manner asked for. However, the progress of the scheme for the States of Uttar Pradesh and Punjab under the SEEUY and SEPUP Schemes are given below:

1. *The Self Employment Scheme for the Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY)*

(*Rs. in lakh*)

Year	State Target	Loans Sanctioned	
		No.	Amount
Uttar Pradesh			
1983-84	36,000	36,857	5382.58
1984-85	37,600	34,400	5981·21
1985-86	31,300	26,264	4569·05
1986-87	31,300	23,197	500 38
Punjab			
1983-84	6,700	9,047	1689.60
1984-85	12,000	12,212	2443·00
1985-86	15,000	11,677	2373.65
1986-87	15,000	15,037	3428.80

2. *Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP)*

Uttar Pradesh			
1986-87	46,531	32,944	1284·04
ital			
7	13,903	12,374	438.23

serve Benk of India have also ad- ed that data regarding applications awaiting sanction is not available with them.

Doordarshan to go Professional

4030. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the move of Doordarshan to go professional has run into rough weather;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps Government have taken to recruit TV correspondents and other news personnel;

(d) whether UPSC has taken an objection to such recruitment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Directorate General, Doordarshan had advertised 57 posts of TV News Correspondents/TV Asstt. News Correspondents/TV Asstt. News Editors in various news-papers in June 1987 and the written test for these posts was held on 23rd August, 1987.

(d) and (e) A reference was received from the Union Public Service Commission. These posts have been created in the category of artists on contract service and not Govt. servants. Since the selected persons will be engaged as artists on contract basis and the appointments are not being made against any civil posts, consultation with the Union Public Service Commission is not necessary.

Adjustment of Customs Tariff on Drugs

4031. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the abolition of the Drug Prices Equalisation Account, steps by way of suitable increase and

adjustment of customs tariffs would be taken to siphon out the unearned profits of multinationals and other drug manufacturers producing drugs with imported basic raw material or imported semi-processed or penultimate drugs;

(b) if so, whether customs tarifis enhancement and adjustment would be done from the same date from which tne Drug Prices Equalisation Account (DPEA) is to be done away with; and

(c) whether these increases in customs duty would be drug-wise or class-wise especially in view of the wide variety of drugs and highly variable profit-margin offered by various imported drug items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) Necessary steps to be taken in the matter can be decided only after the recommendations of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals), who are still working out the details, are finalised.

Liberalised Pension Rules

4032. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that widows of those Central Government employees/officials who retired from their services prior to 1962 or died in harness during that period are not yet getting any pension as per the liberalised pension rules;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action is being taken to provide them with family pension as per the liberalised pension rules?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) to (c) Liberalised family pension in terms of rule 54 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 has been extended w.e.f. 22-9-1977 to the widows of all Government servants who were borne in pensionable establishments and retired/died in service prior to 1-1-1964 or thereafter irrespective of the fact whether the Government servants had opted for 1964 family pension scheme or not.

The Government have no details about widows who are not yet getting family pension as per liberalised pension rules.

Dowry by IAS Probationers

4033. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the alleged getting of dowry amounting to as much as rupees fifty lakhs by IAS probationers in Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy in Mussoorie;

(b) whether this amounts to corruption by IAS probationers; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to check this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) While no specific case has been reported, a Group of women has complain to the Minister of State that a n ber of probationers have been c or have received dowry.

(b) Giving or taking dowry is offence under the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.